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## St. Mark's News OCTOBER 2015

**HALF DAY OF SCHOOL – Friday, October 2.** Dismissal is at 11:30 AM.  
Aftercare will run until 3 PM.

To help ease the congestion in the parking lot, please observe the following:  
Grades 3 - 8 will be released from the front of the school on Kimball Ave. Please park in the front of the school and the upper end of St. Mark's Place. Do not use the parking lot.

Grades 1 - 2 will be released from the side door (the church office door) on St. Mark's Place. Please park on St. Mark's Place for pick up.

Kindergarten and Pre-K 3 will be released from the main doors.

Pre-K 4 will be dismissed as usual.

**NO SCHOOL** - There will be no school on **Monday, October 12** in celebration of Columbus Day.

**SPIRIT DAY - Oct. 30 - Orange and Black Day** - Students may dress out of uniform but only in the colors of orange and black!

**CHAPEL** - The classes will sing at the Wed. chapel services at 8:30 as follows:

Oct. 7 – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> will also lead the service

Oct. 14 – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 21 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>

Oct. 30 (Fri) - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

The chapel offering for Sept. – Nov. will be given to the Thirst Project. This is an organization of young people who are working to provide safe, clean drinking water in impoverished areas of the world.

**SUNDAY SINGING** - Each class sings at one Sunday morning church service. The services begin at 10:00 AM. The schedule for the year is as follows:

October 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>  
January 24<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 17 – 4's  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - Pre-K 3

November 15 – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>  
Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>  
May 1 – Kind.

*"Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord."*

**BOOK FAIR:** Thank you to all those parents who are volunteering their time for the Scholastic Book Fair this week.

**Picture Day – Wednesday, October 7!** Forms to order pictures have been sent home. A separate form must be filled out for sibling pictures. If you do not choose a background, a default background will be chosen for you. Graduate pictures will also be taken.

*Children are to wear their school uniforms! **There are no retakes!***

**Terranova Testing begins October 13 for grades 2-8.** Children do not study for these tests. They are based on what they have already learned. The best way you can prepare your child is to ensure that they get a good night's sleep each night and eat breakfast.

Midquarter for Grades 1 – 8 is October 8. Midquarter progress reports will be sent home on October 15. Please sign and return to your child's teacher.

**Bell Choir and School Chorus** will be starting this month. Permission slips will be given out shortly.

**Looking ahead:**

Christmas Boutique – December 4

Christmas Carol Sing – December 16 at 4:00 PM (Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten) and 5:30 PM (Grade 1 – Grade 8).

**Christmas Boutique**

Shopping, caroling from the School Chorus, food to buy, visit from Santa Claus.

**VENDORS NEEDED!** Friday, December 4 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Contact the school office if you or someone you know would like to be a vendor at this year's Christmas Boutique. We are looking for people to sell jewelry, toys, pocketbooks, homemade items, Christmas crafts, candles, etc.

***Empowered by the love of God in Christ, St. Mark's Lutheran School prepares students to be lifelong learners and servant leaders.***